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Santa Rosa Convention

President's Address

This is, for us, an historic occasion. It is our tenth semi-annual convention, marking the fifth anniversary of our existence. We have come a long way since February 22, 1947. Even the most optimistic of us then did not dream that this occasion would find us in the strong firmly entrenched position we occupy today in California numismatics.

Some may say that it is only the natural result of an increased interest in numismatics by the public generally, but who can say how much is cause and how much is result. One thing is certain. Not all the interest in the world would have created and built up the California State Numismatic Association without the earnest, sincere effort of those who in these five years gave of their time and resources in order that the association might grow and develop.

Such an association as ours has several purposes and objectives; but its prime object is to be the medium whereby collectors from all over the state, yes, and from other states, might meet together and discuss, view, buy, sell and trade coins and ideas. Certainly in this objective we have succeeded beyond all expectations. Ten conventions have been held, variously in San Diego, Long Beach, Santa Monica, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Oakland, and now in Santa Rosa. Collectors in all parts of the state have had the opportunity to meet other collectors and derive the benefits to be had from a numismatic convention. If we had accomplished nothing else we could point with pride to this achievement.

Another of our objectives has been to encourage and assist in the formation of new clubs, and again we can be proud of the record. Before 1947 there were clubs in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange County, Santa Monica and Fresno. Since then we have seen clubs formed in Sacramento, Oakland, Garden Grove, Hanford, Long Beach, Pasadena, Santa Rosa, San Bernardino, San Fernando, San Jose and Salinas, with one or two others in process of organization. Truly, an amazing rec-

ord, and again, who can say how much of this is cause and how much is effect.

Our financial position speaks for itself. Ours is not a profit-making organization, but no organization can operate without funds, and a reserve is a necessity. During the past five years we have built and maintained some 110 cases for displays, complete with locks. We own the wiring for illuminating our display room at conventions. We publish a fine numismatic magazine, with no revenue from advertising. In view of all this, our cash balance of approximately \$500 is a most satisfactory figure.

In five years we have admitted a few more than 500 members, and have lost, from all causes, perhaps 150, leaving a membership of about 350 at this time. There is room for improvement there. We have never made any real sustained membership drive, preferring to allow the membership to come to us rather than make a drive. Under the circumstances the fact that our membership has, in fact, shown a slow steady growth is evidence that we do have something to offer to our members.

We have assembled a modest library, which under the able hands of Stewart Bingham is in excellent order, being fully catalogued and available to any member on request. Again we have not made any determined effort to increase the library. A few books have been purchased, the balance being contributed by members at various times.

One phase of our activities, not originally planned, has developed into an outstanding feature. Begun as a bulletin to its members to cover activities of the association, it developed, under the editorship of Charles V. Kappen into "Calcoin News," unquestionably the finest numismatic magazine published by any local or regional club. Well illustrated, it covers not only club activities and convention news, but each issue carries one or more numismatic articles by members. It is the more remarkable in that it carries no advertising.

I feel that I speak not only for

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Santa Rosa Entertains CSNA

In spite of the fact that the bus strike undoubtedly kept many from attending, the registration at the Santa Rosa convention reached a total of 122, all of whom were amply rewarded by one of the most enjoyable conventions yet held by the California State Numismatic Association.

With the exception of the ladies' hair styling demonstration on Saturday afternoon all events were held in the two rooms adjacent to each other just off the lobby of the Santa Rosa Hotel. This may have been the reason why all events were so well attended. The ladies' card party on Friday evening turned out to be a mixed affair, with as many tables occupied by men as by women, and with everyone reluctant to stop even when the hour drew late.

myself, but also for those others who in 1947 with vision and courage, organized the CSNA; that we are proud of what we have accomplished. There were those who said it could not succeed and would never amount to anything; but there were others who had faith, and without whose help it might indeed not have succeeded. We have made mistakes and have corrected them. We have not accomplished all that we set out to do, but on the other hand, we have done some things which were not planned.

The next five-year period will probably see changes in policy, and certainly changes in leadership. It is not likely that any of us who were instrumental in organizing in 1947 will hold any office at our tenth anniversary meeting five years hence; but we feel that the foundation has been strongly laid and that we have builded well. We are confident that those who succeed us will go on in the next five years to new achievements, and that the place in California numismatics occupied by the CSNA will become greater and more certain as time goes on.

Business meetings on Saturday and Sunday mornings drew a full attendance, due to the policy of closing the bourse and displays during the meeting. The meetings were conducted with such speed and dispatch that little time was lost.

Auction sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons were both well attended. Paul H. Wittlin and James Kelly acted as auctioneers.

The banquet on Saturday night was easily the highlight of the convention. Frank Galvin, as master of ceremonies, did his usual masterful job (with the assistance of "Curly" Mitchell). Drawing for the numerous door prizes was under direction of Chairman Edward Fogler with the lucky numbers being drawn by Queen Patricia Cole, assisted by her Lady-in-Waiting, little Lois Roberts. Musical selections at the piano by Mrs. Ken Allen were followed by several acts, the last of which was a magician who really mystified his audience with a wide variety of stunts.

Luncheon on Sunday noon with Kenny Lee as M.C. was highlighted by the presentation of ribbons for the winning displays. Chairman Nathan A. Bowers of the awards committee in making the presentation, spoke of the difficulties encountered by the committee in reaching some of its decisions, and again stressed the importance on the amount of informative material accompanying the displays.

It was another fine CSNA convention, fully carrying out what has become a CSNA tradition. Full credit goes to General Chairman Ed Fogler for an excellent job, both in making arrangements and in handling details of the convention, with a good share of the credit going, too, to the members of the convention committee, each of whom did his particular job so well that events moved along with a minimum of confusion.

The Redwood Empire Coin Club takes its place with the other local clubs which have entertained California numismatists at CSNA conventions in the past five years.

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Coin Displays And Awards

At the Santa Rosa convention there were, in addition to bourse tables, a total of 28 exhibits, some of which occupied as many as four display cases. The total number of exhibitors and collaborators was 32.

In classification "United States", first award went to Guy L. Chapman, Santa Rosa, for painstaking care in arrangement of gold and silver types, informatively labeled. Second to John E. Ohls, San Francisco, for historical arrangement of gold and silver commemoratives from 1893 to 1951. Other exhibits in this class were:

A comprehensive gold display featuring pioneer gold, Kenneth P. Allen (See "special award").

U.S. gold, silver and paper, Henry T. Wrede.

Perfect and rejected U.S. coins, R. C. Patterson.

Matched colors in early U.S. dollars, Col. Chas. Steele.

In class "Foreign", first award went to R. C. Patterson, San Francisco, for coins issued by Leopold (Hogmouth) of Austria, accompanied by a concise report on this monarch based on painstaking research. Second to Milton C. Strauch, Daly City, for a historical display featuring Russia and satellite countries. Other exhibits in this class were:

Selected foreign gold, Clifford H. Bloom.

Crowns of the world, Redwood Empire Coin Club.

Crowns of England, featuring Maundy money, Thomas Twohey.

In class "Ancient", first award went to David L. Redfield, San Francisco, for coins significant in Roman history, accompanied by pictures in color illustrating contemporary events. Second, to Francis Dominguez, San Francisco, for a neatly diagrammed arrangement of the coins of Cyprus, last of the crusader states. Other exhibits in this class were:

Imperial Roman portrait coins, T. W. Ward.

Money of Chinese Chou dynasty, 1122-255 B.C., H. F. Bowker and three collaborators; Rev. A. B. Coole,

N. Slobodchikoff and Chen cho--Wei of Hong Kong.

Bronze coins of ancient Rome and silver coins of ancient Greece, Kurt E. Loret.

In class "Currency", first award went to Rudy Gjurovich, San Jose, for U.S. and foreign currency. Second, to Roy Hill, San Francisco, for U.S. fractional currency.

In class "Medals and Decorations" first award went to Anna Merle Panosh, San Diego, for war medals, orders and decorations from the U.S. and 21 foreign countries. Also there was an exhibit of war medals by Everett Ostrom.

In class "Junior and Novice", first award went to Arthur Fogelberg, San Francisco, for U.S. minor coins with historical notes. Second to Dennis Olswang, San Francisco, for coins of Canada and four of its coin-issuing provinces. A third exhibit in this class was U.S. five- and ten-cent pieces by Clipper Mills.

No awards were made in the "Dealer" class in which the only exhibit was selected foreign gold by Irving B. Knickerbocker and Dr. Bruce Wallace.

A Special Award went to Kenneth P. Allen, Alameda, for his display of rare pioneer gold pieces. These coins, though of great value and interest, were not accompanied by explanatory material and hence could not be considered with the educational objective.

Exhibits not rated by the awards committee included:

Large and thick coins from Ancient to modern times, Erich Werling.

1952 Olympic games coins (Finland) and pictures of S.F. Mint, Roy Hill.

Private assay bars of silver and gold and 1907 panic script, Arthur Kagin.

Exhibition catalog from Spain, illustrating what a government can do for numismatics, Francis Dominguez.

Awards Committee,
Ralph A. Mitchell,
Erich Werling,
Dr. Nathan A. Bowers,
(Chairman)

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Convention Notes

The new wiring for lighting displays, used for the first time at Santa Barbara, proved equally effective at Santa Rosa. That problem is solved.

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Jim Kelly came a long way from Dayton, Ohio; as did Art Kagin from Des Moines, Iowa; but did you know that it is 625 miles from San Diego to Santa Rosa?

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Doc Emmons was presented with a huge key at the banquet, to add to his collection of keys, it was explained. Doc, who was custodian of the locks and keys for the display cases, left them behind in Ontario.

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Ruby Lee and Anna Merle Panosh were the willing "guinea pigs" at the hair styling demonstration. Both received complete hair-do's with all the trimmings. The demonstration was put on by Frances and Clifton Cole, both members of the Redwood Empire Coin Club.

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The turkey claws protruding from the huge bag presented to little Patricia Cole proved to be a false alarm. The bag contained a beautiful life-sized doll; and little Lady-in-Waiting Lois Roberts received a large basket full of candy Easter eggs.

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Only five members now have attended all ten CSNA conventions. They are Dr. Calvert L. Emmons of Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Knickerbocker of San Diego; Mr. Leonel C. Panosh, also of San Diego, and Mr. William Sexton of Santa Maria.

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Ralph Mitchell cut off Frank Galvin's tie at the banquet, but Frank retaliated by getting Curly's shirt.

Rudy Gjurovich as sergeant-at-arms appeared for duty in full uniform including six-gun, and did a good job.

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Mayor McCluskey and Mrs. McCluskey were guests of honor at the banquet, "Hizzoner" extending the official welcome of the city to those present.

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Erich Werling was man of all work at the convention. In addition to putting up the light wiring and acting on the awards committee, your editor came down early on Sunday morning and found Erich busy with cloth and glass cleaner polishing the glass tops of the display cases.

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The weather ranged all the way from warm and clear to cool and rainy during the three days of the convention.

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The fall convention was announced as going to San Bernardino with the San Bernardino County Coin Club as host. The meeting will be held at the Arrowhead Springs Hotel on the weekend of October 24, 25 and 26. The auction was awarded to James Kelly of Dayton, Ohio.

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Dr. Fountain, president of the newly formed Merced Coin Club invited the CSNA to meet in that city in the spring of 1953.

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Election of officers resulted in only one change. Herbert Bergen of Fullerton was elected to the Board of Directors, replacing Eugene D. Johnston of San Diego.

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The new ribbons for displays were a great improvement. The rosette carries the seal of the association, making it distinctly a CSNA award.

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Convention Facts And Figures

Santa Rosa Convention, April 4, 5 and 6, 1952

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:

Registration (and extra tickets)	\$682.25
Dealers Bourse	120.00
Drawing	113.50
Exhibit Cases	31.00
American Trust Co. (donation)	85.00
Redwood Empire Coin Club (fund)	50.90
Sale of 3 menus	1.00

Total Receipts	\$1083.65
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Less Disbursements:

Hotel — Banquet and Luncheon	\$465.15
Entertainment	80.00
Police Protection	84.00
Badges and Award Ribbons	40.20
Transporting Cases	59.00
Signs for Dealers	10.00
Card Party	6.40
Prizes for Drawing	22.00
Postage	9.50
Tips	5.00

Total Disbursements	\$ 781.25
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Balance: Profit to the Association	\$ 302.40
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REGISTRATION FIGURES

Members	62	Attendance at Luncheon	104
Visitors	60	Full Registrations	97
Total Registration	122	Dinner and Badge	0
Attendance at Banquet	107	Lunch and Badge	7
(includes 2 guests)		Badges only	18
		Extra Dinner tickets	8
		Extra Lunch tickets	7

REGISTRATION BY CITIES

CALIFORNIA

San Francisco	26	Fairfield	2	Lakeport	1
Oakland	19	Glendale	2	La Fayette	1
Santa Rosa	9	Kingsburg	2	Merced	1
Alameda	5	Lockeford	2	Pacific Grove	1
Daly City	4	Long Beach	2	Redding	1
Monterey	4	Los Angeles	2	Richmond	1
Sacramento	4	Ontario	2	Salinas	1
San Diego	4	Palo Alto	2	San Leandro	1
Fresno	3	Santa Barbara	2	Santa Maria	1
San Jose	3	Ukiah	2	OUT OF STATE	
Atherton	2	Bolinas	1	Camden, Ark.	1
Beverly Hills	2	El Cajon	1	Des Moines, Iowa ...	1
Chico	2	Fallbrook	1	Dayton, Ohio	1

Names in History

By DR. C. GLENN CURTIS, *Brea*

Editor's Note: Dr. Curtis, one of the best known collectors in Southern California, has shown his series of slides to many clubs. The sketches below are taken from his notes or comments on the coins as he shows them.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The very mention of the name of the man whose image you see on this small coin stirs more violent and varied emotions than any other one individual I know of in the history of the world. He was loved by millions and hated by millions, and his memory is revered by millions of people today. His good and bad points will be argued for generations to come. He was born wealthy and never knew what it was to want for anything. He attended private school along with other wealthy children. He developed infantile paralysis early in life, developed a brilliant mind, was married at an early age and had several children. After the death of his father, in spite of his keen mind he was dominated by his mother and later by his wife. He became interested in politics and was elected Governor of New York, and later, at the depths of the depression, and at a time when people were losing confidence in their government he became President of the United States in 1932, serving for a little more than three full terms before his death in 1945.



The Widow's Mite

Of all my coins, I value this one the highest in sentiment, and strange as it may seem, this coin—in its original value—was worth the least. The coin you see now is a Widow's Mite, which was the most preached about of all the coins mentioned in the Bible. This coin was minted and circulated during the years our Saviour was on earth; and while it may be a remote possibility, I like to think that Jesus may have handled this coin you see on the screen. In St. Luke, 12-59, Jesus says: "I tell thee thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite." In St. Mark 12-42, the Bible reads: "And there came a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites." St. Luke, incidentally, was a physician. The Widow's Mite was known as "beggar's money" because it had so little intrinsic value. While it is difficult to compare the original value of this coin with our present money, it is sure that it was worth but a fraction of our American cent. Front of the Widow's Mite portrays an ear of corn. The back of the coin shows a palm tree. Because these were Roman coins, the lettering was Roman instead of Jewish.

Who's Who In California Numismatics

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DR. N. A. BOWERS
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Born in San Francisco, his boyhood mostly was spent on a farm in northern California until he "went East" to college. After four years studying civil engineering at Rose Tech in Indiana he moved about a lot, as engineers have a habit of doing; two years in New York, two in British Columbia, two in Hawaii before returning, prodigal-son-like, to balmy California. On completion of 40 years of service with the same firm (McGraw-Hill Co. of New York) he "retired" to a home called "Dunmovin", built in 1939 in Atherton, where he seems to be busier than ever with several hobbies interrupted occasionally by retainers as consulting engineer.

The paragraph above is a thumbnail sketch of a lifetime of activity in the engineering field. For 40 years he served as editor of the various engineering publications of the McGraw-Hill Company, editorially covering the engineering activity of the eleven western states. Although he chose technical journalism as a career, he by no means confined his activities to that field. In 1920 he received a Federal license as radio operator and in 1930 an airplane pilot's license. He became proficient as a deep sea diver and is an authority on forestry and the author of the book, "Cone Bearing Trees of the Pacific Coast."

In 1926 his thesis "Engineering Failures in the Water Power Field," earned him the first Ph.D. ever awarded by Stanford University to a civil engineer. During World War II he served as a War Correspondent in the South Pacific, being selected by the Navy to record the activities and achievements of the Seabees. Under the assignment he had prior-



ity for airplane travel by military aircraft over the battle fronts of the three theaters of the war, covering some 25,000 miles. He was officially commended by the Secretary of the Navy for his work.

As to coins, his specialty has long been gold and he says that "gold fever" can be acquired by heredity as well as by contagion and that he comes by it both ways. His father got gold fever in Massachusetts in 1848 and came to California in the gold rush of 1849 (a 14-month trip by ox team) to become shot-gun messenger for Wells, Fargo & Co., handling gold shipments from Sacramento to the San Francisco mint. In those days the \$50 gold slugs became unpopular to the extent that for a while merchants were reluctant to change them into small gold and silver and were wont to charge a dollar for this service. That is, you got \$49 worth of small gold and silver for your \$50 slug, today worth \$300 to \$600.

Nate's life-long interest—one form of "gold fever," he says—began with

a few gold pieces that had been family keepsakes. Starting at the age of 10 to collect in the general field, he later realized the need for specialization and concentrated on U.S. gold with silver dollars as a secondary interest. However, his numismatic motto is "Not the coins you own, but what you know about coins fixes your numismatic standing."

While employed in New York in 1913 he met and married Alice L. Ray of that city. Their honeymoon trip was a long trek starting with steamer from New York to New Orleans and thence across country all the way to the wilds of British Columbia, where he was to take up his next "tour of duty" as field man for his New York employer, the McGraw-Hill Company. They have one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Solner of Los Angeles and one grandson.

Nate was elected to the Board of Directors of CSNA in 1951. As chairman of the awards committee during the past year he has made an outstanding contribution to the success of our conventions by his efforts to improve the labeling and descriptive matter accompanying the displays; efforts which have met with notable success. He was re-elected as director in 1952.

Contrary to popular belief, no coins of the United States have ever been called in, except for gold coins in 1933 when the United States went off the gold standard.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE AS A BASIS FOR JUDGING DISPLAYS

By **DR. N. A. BOWERS**
Chairman, Awards Committee,
CSNA

The relative merit of coin displays at CSNA conventions is judged by the amount of numismatic information of general interest that can be obtained by examining what is displayed. This principle is applied in two ways, namely, consideration is given (1) to originality and effectiveness in arranging the material or use of attention-holding devices, such as explanatory notes, labels, maps, artistic mountings, color pictures, etc., and (2) to the range, scope or variety of coverage in what is featured, especially care in showing significance or relationship of the various items.

Under this plan the collector of moderate means has as good a chance to win an award as does a wealthy competitor—the rating is not so much on **what** is displayed as on **how well** it conveys numismatic information.

This educational objective, the Board of Directors points out, is the primary purpose of exhibits. Award of prizes is not only to reward the winners but also to encourage others to work toward educational objectives in future displays.

We respect a man who has learned much but we have a deeper regard for and we are truly grateful to one who can and does pass along his knowledge in a form we can understand and use. This is much the same as our attitude toward displays of coins—some we admire because of their value and beauty; others we study and return to study again and again because from them we add to our store of numismatic knowledge.

Exhibitors at CSNA conventions have shown excellent response to these objectives. Let's keep the standard high! Our Association could well hold a national reputation for the educational value of our convention displays.

Slabs of copper in Sweden, tea compressed into bricks in China, tobacco, milk, cattle, and salt, all were used at one time as coinage.

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EAST BAY COIN CLUB. The April meeting was called to order by President S. Hawley at 8:25 p.m. Attending were 46 members and 23 guests.

Highlights of the California State Numismatic Association Convention held at Santa Rosa were given by Earl Parker, Robert McArthur and Ed. Fogler.

Exhibits:

Clifford Bloom: Westfabian.

Ken Allen: Commemoratives, Festival of Britain, State of Israel, MacArthur set, Gold commemoratives.

Earl Parker: Tribute penny of the Bible.

Eric Werling: Multiple crowns.

Frank X. Galvin: Gambler's coin.

Walt Ritchie: Chinese bank notes.

Roy Hill: Finnish coins.

The program for the evening was a coin quiz conducted by Walt Ritchie and Earl Parker.

At the close of the meeting Birthday cake and ice cream were served members and guests to commemorate the club's fourth birthday.

—Antoinette Connell,
Secretary.

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HANFORD COIN CLUB. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday evening, February 5, in the Whilton Hotel. There were 19 members and two guests present. The membership application of Mrs. De Paul Murphy was submitted and unanimously accepted.

President Clarence Berry introduced Ed Fogler whom we were very happy to have with us. Discussion and arrangements for National Coin Week made up a part of the program. Mr. Fogler was asked to say a few words. He gave a very interesting talk on California Numismatics and clubs.

Regular meeting was adjourned after which several lots of coins were auctioned off. The evening closed with refreshments.

The regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday, March 4, at the Hotel Whilton, with President Clarence Berry presiding. There were 21 members present. Two new members, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rauley of Visalia were welcomed into the club. After a short business session, Vice-President Harold Guyer gave a talk

on U.S. and foreign coins and their mintage.

President Berry reported that he had obtained a very prominent window in the center of town in which to make our National Coin Week display.

Our Secretary Fred Tinkham who has been transferred to Merced was presented with a gift from the club. This was in appreciation for the faithful service and loyalty that Fred and his good wife have given the club. Fred has been our secretary since the club was organized and has promised to remain with us at least for the rest of the year. The club is going to miss Fred and Hazel.

Regular meeting was adjourned, after which Forest Speck as auctioneer carried on, several lots of coins being auctioned off. Refreshments were served and a good time was enjoyed by all.

—M. Forest Speck.

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LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB. The 276th meeting of the LACC was held on March 7, at 1329 So. Hope Street, Los Angeles (Forrester's Hall), with about 60 people in attendance.

A plaque was presented to Mr. George Bennett whose work while president in 1950 and vice-president in 1951 was of very great benefit to the club.

Mr. Koeppel gave a very fine talk on the "Pine Tree Shilling" along with a plea that American numismatists try the historical approach rather than collecting the varieties of Lincoln Head pennies (or cents) as was the custom of the really distinguished men who were our first numismatists in this country.

Mr. Koeppel's collection of Colonial items, including many varieties of early U.S. coinage, was truly outstanding, having such items as the best known example of Crosby No. 1, and truly fine half-dimes and original Crosby in perfect condition.

Along with the early Americana was displayed the English coinage of the day from Queen Elizabeth onward.

Some examples of well-mounted wampum complete with human finger bone was also presented. It was pointed out that the Dutch of New Amsterdam coined wampum for

some years—even going so far as to require the whites to take it in form of wages.

A motion was carried to instruct the secretary to send a letter to Mrs. N. T. Ross to promote the issue of a "Pine Tree Shilling" commemorative in quarter form. The event being the 300th commemoration of the truly American coinage—the Pine Tree Shilling.

The meeting closed with a free auction of an 1852 gold dollar donated by Mr. Koepfel and the usual drawing of the door prizes followed by the auction which was efficiently and swiftly conducted by Geo. Bennett.

—William D. Koonce,
Secretary and
Vice-President.

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ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB.

The 165th regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club took place on February 27 at the Brea Woman's Clubhouse with President Curtis in charge. The official count of members and guests present at this meeting was 123, a record turnout for this club in recent years.

After the secretary finished reading the voluminous minutes of the Annual Meeting and Banquet in January, the president announced that each exhibitor at the meeting would be asked to stand and give a brief account of his exhibit. He led off by pointing to his own exhibit of U.S. Silver Dollars, almost complete from the earliest date, 1794, to the last date, 1935, with most of them in the choicest obtainable condition. He also called attention to his specialty cabinet containing many of the most desirable pieces of U.S. currency and types of U.S. gold coins.

The next exhibitor in line was Charles L. Ruby who described his outstanding collection of U. S. Large Cents and U. S. Early Silver Dollars, replete with almost every known die variety, besides some unlisted varieties.

Next to tell about his exhibit was Sam Koepfel who said that of the more than 15,000 coins in his personal collection there were none that he loved to show more than his coins of the Bible which he had selected as the finest specimens to be had.

Then came Harry Hanson with a collection of counterfeit coins, legally

acquired. Most interesting of these was a counterfeit ancient Roman coin, too beautiful to be true. Never before has such an exhibit been seen hereabouts.

And following her husband, Mrs. Hanson displayed a fascinating assortment of religious idols, including several coins bearing the image of such idols, most notable of which was an Indian coin with Buddha portrayed and a Maria Theresa dollar with the image of the Virgin Mary.

Dr. Verner Rich next presented his collection of Swedish Plate Money, genuine and otherwise, which he opined to be one of the most interesting of foreign media of exchange.

After this, Joe Block was called upon to describe his exhibit of Gold and Silver Proof Coins, and complete sets of uncirculated Standing Liberty Quarter Dollars, Barber and Mercury Dimes, and Buffalo Nickels.

Adolph Larson Jr. followed with an exceptionally fine collection of Encased Postage Stamps which were used as money during the Civil War period. These ran in denomination from one cent to 30 cents and contained several pieces of the greatest rarity.

Not the least backward in the company of so many rare and priceless specimens, one of the clubs' Junior collectors, Bill Gould, stood up and proudly told about his collection of many different coins, both American and foreign. What he lacked in condition and rarity he made up in his arrangement and in his youthful enthusiasm over what he had gathered here and there.

Another dazzling exhibit was then presented by Irving Knickerbocker. This consisted of a complete set of Proof Coins struck after 1857 when such coins were first made, especially for distribution to the public in the United States. Few collectors can ever hope to form such a collection.

Eugene Johnston then described his American Colonial coins, featuring, of course, the Pine Tree Shilling of Massachusetts Colony in both the large and small planchet varieties.

The next exhibit was by Herb Bergen who showed complete sets of uncirculated Two Cents, Three Cent Nickels in Proof, Twenty Cents uncirculated and proof, Liberty Standing and Barber Half Dollars uncirculated; and a complete set of

Dimes excepting two, the greater part uncirculated and proof.

Finally, Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, the thirteenth exhibitor, gave a glowing account of the medals shown by him. What these lack in value, he said, they more than make up for in historical interest, and young collectors without great means should turn to them if they find it prohibitive to acquire coins they want.

When the presentation of these superb exhibits was completed, the judges appointed by President Curtis to award first and second prizes to exhibitors chose for first prize, Bill Gould, and second prize, Charles Ruby. There was no word of dissent to this choice and everyone agreed that it was by far the best exhibit night ever held by this club.

President Curtis took special pride in presenting member Bob Lan Franco, scoutmaster of Troop 21, who brought his entire troop to the meeting to let them see the exhibits and become indoctrinated in coin collecting.

Following the exhibit program, a recess was called for refreshments and then the usual auction of coins offered by members was held under the direction of veteran auctioneer Joc Steele.

—Herb Bergen,
Secretary.

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REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB held its monthly meeting March 18. Meeting was held at the Grace Brothers Tap Room, 2nd & Wilson Streets, Santa Rosa.

Fifteen members and guests were present. President Clipper Mills presided.

Mr. Kenneth Page Allen of San Francisco displayed one of the finest collections of Type Gold Coins the club had ever had the pleasure of viewing, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

Mr. Earl A. Parker and Mr. Robert Patterson, both of San Francisco, were in attendance.

Mr. Edward J. Fogler, chairman of the State Convention, also was present, and completed final arrangements for the 10th semi-annual C.S.-N.A. Convention to be held here at Santa Rosa at the Santa Rosa Hotel.

Mr. Clifton Cole, secretary of the club, presented the club with a birth-

day cake on its third birthday which was shared by all.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 P.M.

—Cliffton C. Cole,
Secretary.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB held its 44th meeting at the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce office, February 21, 1952. Twenty-two members were present.

The business portion of the meeting concerned the inviting of the California State Numismatic Association to hold its semi-annual meeting in San Bernardino in the near future and planning an exhibition to be held in conjunction with the National Orange Show to be held in March.

The program of the evening was the U.S. slides sent out by the ANA which portrayed a type set of U.S. coins from half cent to 20-cent denominations. These were prepared by a committee headed by Glenn Smedley. U.S. coins are the most popular to collect but there are generally fewer talks given on these than any other at our club—and probably at most clubs. The guide sent out by the ANA for this set was very complete and interesting.

The March, 1952, meeting of the San Bernardino County Coin Club was held at the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce office, 7:30 p.m., the 20th. Twenty-six members and guests were present.

Announcement with deep regret was made of the passing of our beloved charter member and long-time ANA member, Fred H. Smith of Ontario. It was determined that suitable remembrance would be made to the family in form of a living plant as a memorial from our organization.

Report was made by Lloyd Blue on the exhibit of the Coin Club at the recently concluded Orange Show. While the exhibit of the club was relatively small, it drew great interest and it was estimated that approximately 25,000 persons saw it. Particular interest was shown in the various U.S. coin types.

Herb Feinberg was chosen to contact local Arrowhead Springs Hotel in regard to possibility of holding a future state coin convention there.

National Coin Week was discussed and members were told that various banks in the vicinity were agreeable

to the showing of our exhibits at that time.

ANA slides concerning U.S. type coins from 25 cents to \$1 denomination were shown, with Fred Draper as reader of ANA paper on the subject.

Meeting concluded with auction and drawing for door prizes.

—Bryan Burke,
Secretary.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. The 180th monthly meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society, held May 6 at Dartlee Hall was called to order by President James Crouthamel. Routine business being disposed of, Mr. Crouthamel called on all those who had displays to come forward and say a few words about the items on display. Mr. Walrath had a display of U. S. minor coins, Mr. Vigneault a fine collection of fractional currency, Mr. Ward showed the military decorations received by him in World War I, and Mr. Panosh showed medallions of a historical interest. Mr. Vigneault was awarded the cup for the best display of the month.

It was announced that the June meeting would be a dinner meeting, being our 15th anniversary. Mr. Panosh was appointed to make arrangements for the evening.

The meeting closed with refreshments being served by Mrs. Crouthamel and Mrs. Knickerbocker.

—Anna Merle Panosh,
Secretary.

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB met March 27, with President L. M. Wenger presiding.

Frank Toce regretfully announced his imminent departure for New York City, where he will make his home. Toce organized our club, and in just a little more than a year it has grown from a small group of five or six collectors to the gathering of 45 who were out for this meeting.

Short talks on "Building a Collection" and "World Coins" were given by William Koonce and George Bennett.

On our exhibit table were displayed some unusual pieces from Koonce's collection; a complete type set of commemorative half dollars by Russell Snyder; and an outstanding set of coin folders virtually filled with coins of the U. S., the collection

of Mr. and Mrs. Emeatt who have been collecting coins only four weeks.

At intermission coffee and doughnuts were served by the ladies' committee.

A lively auction was conducted for the last time by our past president, Frank Toce. A drawing for door prizes of gold and commemorative coins was also a feature of the evening.

April Meeting

The April meeting of San Fernando Valley Coin Club was held on the 24th, with 39 members and guests present. L. M. Wenger, president, announced a meeting of the Board of Governors. It was decided to limit auction material to members only. Mr. Frank Hills was commended for his beautiful exhibit of uncirculated Indian Head Cents, including the 1856, Lincoln Cents, Commemorative Half Dollars, and a Type Set of Gold Double Eagles, all in plastic holders. Mr. William Koonce also exhibited an Irish Mint Set, St. Gaudens Double Eagle, paper currency, medals, and a set of British Maundy money.

Mr. Joe Block spoke on modern U.S. coins. He offered to answer questions on any modern coin. A most interesting discussion followed.

Door prizes were won by Mr. Don Emeatt, Mrs. Edna Ludtke and Mr. Frank Hills.

Our secretary, Lucky Wollard, announced we now have 41 members on our rolls. The coin auction was ably conducted by Mr. George Bennett. A most pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

San Fernando Valley Coin Club meets on the last Thursday evening of each month at 8:00 P.M. Meetings are held at 3800 Clark Ave., Burbank. Guests are always most welcome.

—Mrs. Edward T. Case,
Publicity Chairman.

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SAN JOSE COIN CLUB. The March meeting of the San Jose Coin Club was held Monday, the 3rd, at the Hotel DeAnza under adverse conditions of bad weather and a mild flu epidemic among members of the club.

The speaker of the evening was Commander H. F. Bowker who gave a most interesting address on "Coins of China" and exhibited many coins

and curios of early Chinese history to emphasize his address.

Commander Bowker is an authority on early Chinese and among the exhibits displayed was an ancient mold demonstrating how coins were made by the ancients. He also had coins neatly encased in their original cases simulating books, showing the art in which the Chinese held their numismatics, each book holding only one coin.

The commander answered many questions proposed by the members at the close of his address to the great delight of those who had braved the weather to hear him and see the display.

Major Kappen, home on furlough before leaving for duty in Japan, was called upon for a few remarks and responded with a short talk on his new assignment with the army.

New member received: Jimmy Meritt, 143 Brookside Ave., San Jose.

The San Jose Coin Club meeting in the Hotel DeAnza Monday evening, April 7, was entertained with an address on "Eighteenth Century Tradesmen's Tokens of England" by Syl Tully Jr. who displayed some 225 of these very interesting pieces.

Mr. Tully described how these tokens came to be put into circulation and some of the queer sayings inscribed on some of them as well as the background of some of the merchants who issued them.

The club took action to purchase metal display cases for use in their County Fair exhibit booth and to be used on Coin Week and other display purposes.

Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Irving Knickerbocker of San Diego who were returning from the C.S.N.A. convention at Santa Rosa. He responding for a few remarks about the activities enjoyed while in Santa Rosa. Mr. Knickerbocker stated he was one of five remaining who had attended each of the ten conventions now held by the state organization.

May Meeting

San Jose Coin Club, meeting Monday evening, May 5, in the Hotel DeAnza, played host to the Boy Scouts in a capacity house.

After a word of welcome and some very good and timely admonitions on coin collecting by Ralph A. Mitchell

of Palo Alto, Past-President of the California, State Numismatic Association, the boys were told of the many pleasures as well as learning to be acquired through collecting.

The principal address was by Mr. Austen Warburton, prominent local attorney and Scout leader, who talked on coin collecting, using the Scout Manual as the basis for his remarks. He demonstrated how interesting coins can be by pointing out a few items at random from the many on exhibit, ranging from ancient Greek, Egyptian, and Oriental, to the more modern Colonials of the Early American Colonies.

The meeting was unique in that each guest received an Indian Head cent at the door, the dates of which were used in the drawing for prizes. Each troop represented received a coin collecting manual while the youngest Scout received an 1818 Quarter donated by Mr. Ira D. Soper.

Donations of coins and supplies were made by Geo. F. Kohl, Geo. F. Hodges, Roy Hill, Ralph A. Mitchell, Antonio Puchelli, Ira D. Soper and Leo Young, and each Scout left with a handful of coins and high enthusiasm to be a collector.

There were 46 members and guests present and displays were placed as follows:

Rudy Gjurovich, four frames of paper money and gold ducats of Germany.

Vincent Guarnera, Lincoln Cents in plastic, 1909-1952.

Roy Hill, wooden nickels and commemorative of Olympic Games struck in Helsinki, 500 Markkaa, 5 Kroner of Greenland, and one of first Boy Scout Merit Badge books.

Geo. F. Hodges, Ancient Greek, Roman, Chinese and American colonial coppers and large cents.

Earl A. Parker, English Victoria Set, U.S. type and commemorative and proof sets in plastic, crown 1551 and 1951.

Austen Warburton, Victoria Maunday set 1893 in case.

—George F. Hodges.

After beheading two wives, King Henry VIII of England placed on his coins the motto, I Have Chosen The Lord As My Helper.

Wooden nickels have been issued in all but five states.

From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

As of April 21, 1952

499	Faulhaber, Philip H.	5029 W. 119th Place, Hawthorne, Calif.
500	Wildbeck, Arthur F.	3744 Mountain View Ave., Los Angeles 34, Calif.
501	O'Donnell, W. R.	1717 S. Fremont, Alhambra, Calif.
502	Salinas Coin Club	
	R. W. Adcock, Secretary	467 Williams Road, Salinas, Calif.
503	Kimerly, C. G.	2101 Pier Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.
504	Arnold, O. L.	1192 Colton Ave., Colton, Calif.
505	Lages, Orville H.	958 Sierra Way, San Bernardino, Calif.
506	Barrett, W. V.	864 S. "J" St., San Bernardino, Calif.
507	Riggeu, George R.	1033 E. "G" St., Ontario, Calif.
508	Hetland, Robert T.	2714 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa, Calif.
509	Hawley, Stanley S.	5401 Proctor Ave., Oakland 18, Calif.
510	Dennis, Ernest S.	1039 N. Grevilla St., Porterville, Calif.
511	Jakobsen, A. G. K.	332 Miriam St., Daly City 25, Calif.
512	Inslee, Alva	5820 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.
513	Fountain, Dr. Wm. E.	Shaffer Bldg., Merced, Calif.
514	Merced Numismatic Society	P.O. Box 1132, Merced, Calif.
515	Brandeberry, E. C.	525 Market St., San Francisco 5, Calif.
516	Meyer, George Fred	P.O. Box 1706, Redding, Calif.
517	Morris, John H., Jr.	409 Woodland Ave., Homewood, Ala.
518	Tambling, Dr. G. L.	3429 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland 2, Calif.
519	Redmond, Daniel J.	P.O. Box 111, Emeryville, Calif.
520	Small, Capt. Robert M.	774th AC&W Squadron, Madera, Calif.

REINSTATED

57	Conner, Allen R.	860 Partridge Ave., Menlo Park, Calif.
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RESIGNED

258	Enander, Kermit H.	15135 Charmeron, Los Gatos, Calif.
39	Heller, R. J.	1927 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 5, Calif.
144	Ogg, Wilson R.	1 Orchard Lane, Berkeley 4, Calif.
114	Searle, Don	6331 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 28, Calif.

DECEASED

65	Smith, Fred H.	307 E. "F" St., Ontario, Calif.
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

71	Boardman, R. J.	P.O. Box 62, Ojai, Calif.
476	Coffing, Courtney L.	1738 Marye St., Alexandria, La.
452	Garden Grove Coin Club	P.O. Box 32, Garden Grove, Calif.
426	Hester, Mrs. Berniece	Lone Pine, Calif.
148	Hester, Clint	Lone Pine, Calif.
149	Kallai, Mrs. Auguste	7139 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 46, Calif.
287	Smith, Howard S.	P.O. Box 846, Redlands, Calif.

SAN BERNARDINO AWARDED FALL CONVENTION

The invitation of the San Bernardino County Coin Club to hold the 1952 fall convention in that city was accepted by the Board of Directors at their meeting in Santa Rosa, and plans are under way for the meeting by a committee headed by Dr. Calvert L. Emmons as general chairman.

The meeting will be held on the weekend of October 24-26 at the world-famous Arrowhead Springs Hotel, located in the foothills just

north of San Bernardino. Now a Hilton hotel, it has recently been completely redecorated and offers every facility for a good convention. In addition it offers unexcelled recreational facilities, with beautiful swimming pool, 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, riding stables.

The auction sale for this meeting was awarded to James Kelly of Dayton, Ohio.

Reserve the date, October 24-26, 1952.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

As of April 1, 1952

Cash on Hand February 15, 1952.....		\$446.27
Recepts: 1952 Dues	\$ 56.00	
Bulletin	223.99	279.99
Less: Disbursements		
Postage and Supplies	\$ 12.00	
Storage of Cases	3.65	
Printing	28.90	
Bulletin	183.39	227.94
Cash on Hand March 31, 1952.....		\$498.32

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, February 15, 1952	356
New members admitted	12
	368
Less: Losses	
Deceased	0
Resigned	3
Suspended N.P.D.	5
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Membership, March 31, 1952	360

—R. G. McArthur, Secretary.

Major Charles V. Kappen Reports For Overseas Duty

Much to his regret, departure for duty in Japan prevented Maj. Charles V. Kappen from attending the Santa Rosa convention. Kappen, formerly editor of Calcoin News and a director in CSNA, was recalled to the service last fall and after several months at Camp Roberts received his orders to report to Camp Stoneman at Pittsburg (California) late in March, from which port he embarked for duty overseas.

Your acting editor, selfishly perhaps, hopes that his tour of duty there is short and that he is able to return soon and resume the editorship of Calcoin News.

The Bureau of Engraving reports that the average life of a \$1 bill is nine months. The \$5 bill lasts 16 months and the \$10 bill averages six years.

The coins of King Peter of Castile issued in 1350 bore the inscription, I Dispise My Enemies.

New Coin Clubs Formed In State of California

Numismatics is still on the upsurge in California. With the formation of new clubs in San Fernando, Salinas and Merced and the re-activation of the San Joaquin Valley Club there are now at least 18 active clubs in California; and we hear rumors of a club being organized at Palo Alto and one or two other cities.

The wide spread of local clubs, together with the activities of the California State Numismatic Association and its semi-annual conventions are the reason why California is rapidly being recognized as a leader in this field in the United States today.

The art of counterfeiting money is almost as old as the art of coinage itself. It is known that it was practiced six centuries before the Christian era.

The Columbian half dollar was the first commemorative coin to be issued by the United States.